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FRESHMEN DINNER A ROUSING SUCCESS.

147 MEN PRESENT.

Many Speakers Give 1911 Insight Into Tech Methods.

Despite the Sophomores' efforts to stop proceedings at the 1911 dinner Saturday evening by capturing the Freshman president, all went off with remarkable smoothness. One hundred and forty-seven men were present.

The speakers were Dean Burton, Bursar Rand, John Tobin, '08, Coach Kanaly, Loring, '08, Walter Humphreys, Isaac W. Litchfield, '85, and J. H. Munroe, '82.

The Dean was heartily greeted by the 1911 men. He spoke of the enthusiasm of the class, but cautioned the newcomers of the danger of letting this enthusiasm carry them too far. He said, "The enthusiasm of a class always grows faster at the first part of the year than at any other time, and increases rapidly, till it acquires that soft, mushroom state; then gradually drops down to something more rational. The enthusiastic spirit of a mob is contagious; but don't let the actions of some few hot-headed members of another class influence you so far that you forget you all belong to the same Institute. There is a special day set apart for this class antagonism; that day, Field Day, is a great time for the athletic teams of both classes to work out their strength in an organized way."

In the course of his talk Mr. Burton made a correction of the press reports of one of his statements to the Freshman Class at the Y. M. C. A. reception. In regard to the new Walker Memorial building, he said that though he heartily wished it might be completed in a few months, he was not warranted in saying that it would be. In closing, Mr. Burton said that the men who had aroused the admiration of the Institute in the past were those who, although entering into the various Institute activities, had always kept their engineering work foremost in their minds. Yet, that independence and freedom of choice that the Tech man enjoys is the greatest thing that the Institute gives him.

Bursar Rand's talk was characteristic throughout for those famous stories and frequent witticisms at the expense of the Dean. He reiterated what the first speaker had said as to the necessity of harnessing one's enthusiasm, and said that the new men should strengthen the popular opinion that "Tech Student" is synonymous with "gentleman." He further spoke of the Union and its purpose; its sanctity, and its value in giving the student those social advantages which train him to meet men.

John S. Tobin was introduced by the chairman as the most energetic and successful track manager that Tech had ever had, and Mr. Tobin's address was full of the old energy and enthusiasm. The reason that the team was so successful last year was, he said, due to the fact the Tech men were always behind that team in spirit.

Coach Kanaly followed Mr. Tobin with an outline of his methods and this year's prospects, making an earnest call for new men, from whom he hopes to develop the best material for the future.

Capt. Loring of the Fencing Team spoke of the change in plans for this year, and made it plain that the much-dreaded expense was to be cut down. He said there was great need for new material and requested all interested to attend the first meeting of the new Fencing Club.

The Registrar told of the great opportunity Institute men received of coming in close contact with representatives of all nations. Men from every one of the states but five were registered this year, and several came from South America, Europe, and even Asia. Mr. Humphrey's class, that of 1897, established the custom of cheering the old year out on Rogers' steps.

Isaac W. Litchfield, '85, one of the earlier editors of THE TECH, compared the old with the new, and told of the

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TRACK TEAM PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

OLD TIMERS BACK INTO HARNESS.

Many New and Promising Men Show Up For Practice.

Practice of the varsity Track Team has been going on during part of the past week. A great deal of interest has been shown for this time of the season, and the new material that will be developed, together with the men of last year's team, who have returned, will make a good showing this season.

Last year the Institute Track Team was most successful, and the losses through graduation have not been excessive. As the scholarship of the team has been generally high, almost none have been lost on account of their studies.

Captain Orr, who does the pole-vaulting, is back again this year, and his work should be better than ever. Rapelye is another high-class and very reliable man, and may be depended on to do good work in the high jump.



B. L. GIMSON.

Gimson, the half-miler, will run again this year, and judging from his previous performances, he should be able to show his heels to most of his competitors. Another track veteran, noted for his steadiness, who will run with the team again, is Blackburn, the quarter miler.

Among the hurdlers and sprinters, Gram and Fernstrom will be most valuable men. Gram last year established the New England Intercollegiate record for the 220-yard dash of 22 seconds on a curved track. Fernstrom did good work during the season just past and during the summer kept up his track work, securing a place for Tech at the Jamestown Exposition meet. He promises to make good time this year at his special distances.

McGregor, the two-miler, has returned to the Institute, and his work in the past guarantees the certainty of some good distance work this year. Scharff and Flagg are capable of taking good care of the weight department.

Particular attention is being paid at the present time to the cross-country team, as it is the only team that will represent Tech among the outside colleges before spring. It is entered for the race with Harvard on Field Day, and in the intercollegiate meet at Princeton. The condition of this team is most encouraging. Of the seven men who ran on it last year, only two, Udale and Patch, have left. The veteran quintet left should form a good nucleus for this year's team.

FRESHMEN WELCOMED TO STUDENT LIFE.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION A SUCCESS.

Union Filled with Many Men who Hear Many Speakers.

Friday evening witnessed one of the most interesting of Freshmen receptions in the history of the Institute. This annual event this year did a great deal toward converting the newly-arrived strangers into good Tech men, by welcoming them and giving them a good view of the majority of the local activities, and also making them feel their responsibility for the continuance and success of many.

The program of the evening included speeches from men representing a number of different causes. President Reid, '08, of the Y. M. C. A. introduced the speakers.

Dean Burton, Y. M. C. A., was the first speaker. While Prof. Burton represented the Faculty, he touched upon many topics in his talk. He began by mentioning the good work of the Y. M. C. A. and its benefits to the whole student body. He then spoke of the nature and purposes of the Union, which he told the audience was their home, a room run "by students for students," and mentioned Bursar Rand's enthusiastic support of it as the bright side of the latter's "double life."

Prof. Burton next touched upon the size of the incoming class and its probable strength. He said that one of the best means for its members to become acquainted with each other and the upper classmen, was to join in one or another of the student activities. He spoke first of the state, special interest, and professional clubs, and then pointed out athletics and the use of Tech Field as possibly heading the list. Near the close of his talk he stated that hereafter the Institute plans to look after the physical as well as the mental condition of the students, and ended by saying that the Walker Memorial Gymnasium fund has passed the \$100,000 mark and that the corner stone for that building will probably be laid during the current school year.

Captain Orr, '08, of the Track Team, called attention to the need for relaxation from the daily grind and pointed out the difference between studies and athletics which in a large measure constitutes the value of the latter. Field, '10, next took the floor on behalf of the Musical Clubs, and described the pleasures and profits of these organizations. At this point everyone united in singing "Dear old M. I. T."

Next on the program came Hoole, '08, editor-in-chief of THE TECH, with a stirring speech on the Institute publications. He first described the strong record of Technique in past years, and then turned to the poor outlook for this year. The Technique '09 board has lost six men, including the editor-in-chief, business manager and art editor. As material within the Junior Class is scarce, the other classes must back 1909 up if this year's book is to be a success.

Hoole then turned to THE TECH and called for volunteers to make it the greatest scientific school newspaper in America. At Harvard, he said, the "heelers" turn out by the hundred. To make the standard higher, the reporters are to specialize, and the result will mean representatives in every activity.

Vonnegut, '08, continued with a clever exposition of the delights of the Show, which may be condensed to something like, "a chance for everybody, and ask the man who's done it." He was followed by Secretary Brock of the association who welcomed the new men to the services of the Y. M. C. A. and reminded them of the Bible classes and Thursday noon meetings during the winter.

SOPHOMORES DO NOT MOLEST FRESHMEN.

1910 OBEYS PRESIDENT.

Beyond Attempt to Capture Cowee, Sophomores Leave 1910 Alone.

All was serene on Boylston St. after the Freshman dinner. Contrary to the expectations of the 1911 contingent, not a Sophomore was seen on the way to Rogers' steps, where the usual round of cheers were given.

Only one attempt at opposition was shown by the Sophomore class, and that occurred in the early evening, when they attempted to kidnap Cowee, the Freshman president, on his way to the Union. Cowee spent some time riding about the streets in a cab before he decided it would be impossible for him to make his destination alone. Nearly seventy-five 1910 men were guarding the streets leading to the Union, and the cab was assaulted vigorously.

Returning to his room, Cowee secured a body guard of several upper classmen and—much to the disgust of the waiting Sophomores—two police officers. With this aid he made his way unmolested to the Union, where he was greeted by the jeers of his defeated opponents.

During the dinner, little was done from without to disturb the tranquility of the proceedings, yet the 1911 men felt that the Sophomores were camping on their trail, and that things would happen when they left the Union. All were cautioned to distinguish themselves to their brother classmates by handkerchiefs tied about their arms.

All cautions were unnecessary, for the Sophomores apparently meant to make no attack, and 1911 marched peacefully on its way to the Institute buildings. The usual parade through the downtown district occurred, but, beyond the congestion of street cars and automobiles, nothing unusual happened, and the class dispersed without tasting the blood of battle.

It was thought by many that a large force of Sophomores lay concealed in the alleyway off Copley Square, which shielded last year's marauders, and a cautious halt was made there to reconnoiter, but the only '10 cheer they heard was that given by a few Juniors who hoped to cause a little excitement.

The reason for the non-appearance of the Sophomore men is thought to lie in the action taken at their meeting on Saturday noon, when President Fitzwater discouraged any attempt at organized rough-house. It was thought unwise for the class to authorize anything which might cast discredit upon it as an organization. The '10 men evidently followed the advice of their leader, and beyond the attempt by a few members to keep Cowee from the dinner, no opposition was offered to the gaieties of the Freshmen.

WINNER STARTS TO TRAVEL.

Miss Ryan, '05, Leaves for Europe to Study Architecture.

Miss Ida A. Ryan, '05, winner of the 1907 travelling scholarship competition, sailed Saturday for Gibraltar, where she will begin her study. The \$1,200 scholarship award enables Miss Ryan to spend a year in Europe engaged in the study of architecture; she plans to spend the greater part of this time in Spain and in Italy, where she will make her headquarters at Naples.

In the travelling scholarship Miss Ryan has won the highest prize that the Architectural Department can confer on one of its graduates. She was the first girl to receive the degree of Master of Science from the Institute.

Miss Ryan was accompanied by Miss Eliza Codd, '04, who won the Rotch prize in her graduating year at the Institute.

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TECHNICAL TRAINING.

Unfavorable comment upon the intensely technical and scientific character of the instruction at the Institute is heard so often during conversations among undergraduates that attention should be called to the place which technical education occupies in American life, so that men may have a just appreciation of the benefits of a strict curriculum and consequently cease to offer adverse criticisms. The most pointed expression of the need of technical education in American life which has appeared for some time is to be found in "Industrial Education," by Harlow Stafford Person, and THE TECH hopes that the republication of it now may interest some of those who have been in the habit of criticising the severity of the Institute's courses. Mr. Person says:

"Recent observers of the German educational system have criticised its curriculum as being so technical as to defeat in part its very aim by making the German student, although scientific, narrow and lacking in initiative. They have warned American educators against a similar error. They overlook the fact that this narrowness and lack of initiative are the results of the German's entire social environment, and not merely of his education methods. Granting, however, that an extremely technical curriculum may intensify these characteristics, it does not follow that the same curriculum would have the same results when applied to the American youth. That common American temperament which is the very opposite of dependent, which relies upon natural ability and is impatient of laboriously acquired knowledge, needs the corrective of an intensely technical and scientific training. The German youth, to correct the influence of his social environment, needs more of the liberal in his curriculum; the American youth, to correct the influence of his social environment, needs more of the technical.

ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION.

For a long time past the meetings of the Athletic Association have been very sparsely attended. Little more interest has been shown in them than is evinced at an ordinary class meeting. Slight interest and indifference on the part of the student body in any phase of activity is sure to bring about poor results.

In the Athletic Association most of these poor results may be traced to a general ignorance of conditions, and the consequent inability to act intelligently on the subjects discussed. The result has been that all direction of the Association has been forced on one branch,

the Advisory Council, because of the incapability of the whole body.

This is not as it should be. Yet it must be so just as long as the membership in the Association remains large, indifferent, and inactive. The great majority of students cannot and will not follow the progress of athletics as closely as they should, and keep in touch with them. It is to this cause that most of the complaints concerning athletic direction at the Institute can be traced.

TECH SHOW PROFITS GOOD.

Management for 1907-8 Announce So.

The Tech Show management for the year 1907-8 is as follows: general manager, Frederick A. Dewey, '09; business manager, Curtis C. Webb, '10; stage manager, G. A. Joslin, '09; assistant stage manager, R. Goodwin, '10; assistant advertising manager, R. Leavens, '10. Some changes will probably be made in the management, and there are five places to be filled.

A financial statement of the 1907 Show will be given out as soon as all bills have been collected. The profits were good and considerably over five hundred dollars have already been given to athletics.

The date for the receipt of manuscripts for the Show has been fixed for Nov. 1, and all who have prepared anything during the summer are requested to leave their work at the Cage, Box 63, immediately. A meeting will be held in 34 Rogers at 4 P. M. today to answer any questions.

HOUNDS CHASE HARES.

First Run Brings Out 29. Several New Men.

Twenty-nine men came out for the run held at Waban Saturday, nine of these being new men.

W. Harrington, '10, and R. W. Ferris, '08, were the hares. The bags were found by M. Nickerson, '10, and R. M. Spencer, '11. The first eight men came in in the following order: M. Nickerson, '10; B. L. Gimson, '08; L. O. Mills, '10; B. C. Huber, '10; R. A. D. Preston; M. Ames, '08; E. S. Howe, '09; J. N. Stephenson, '09.

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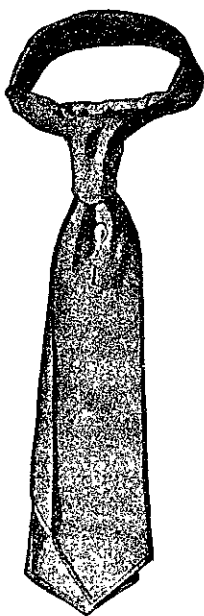
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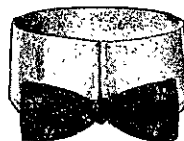
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New Appointments: Woldemar Rabe, Instructor in Modern Languages; Charles H. Clapp, Assistant in Geology; Roger D. Gale, Assistant in Theoretical Chemistry; Frederick A. Grant, Assistant in Mining Engineering; Angelo T. Heywood, Assistant in Mining Engineering; E. W. Taylor, Assistant in Mechanical Engineering; George B. Thomas, Assistant in Electrical Engineering; Edmund H. Squire, Assistant in Physics; E. J. Edwards, Assistant in Physics (transferred from Electrical Engineering); John Johnston, Ph. D., Research Associate in Physical Chemistry; Carl von Ende, Ph. D., Research Associate in Physical Chemistry; Roger D. Gale, S. B., Research Assistant in Physical Chemistry.

SKETCHES ON EXHIBITION.

Work of M. H. Whitehouse Shown in Architectural Department.

There have been placed on exhibition in the exhibition room of the Department of Architecture in Pierce a large number of sketches made by M. H. Whitehouse, winner of last year's travelling scholarship. All of these sketches, many of which were made to scale, were drawn by Whitehouse during the past year, and have just been received by the Architectural Department. The sketches will be on exhibition this week.

FRESHMEN DINNER.

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great opportunities which this student activity holds out to undergraduates.

James P. Munroe, '82, found himself in a difficult position when he read in THE TECH "rule book," which accompanied his invitation to the dinner, the cautions "Be concise; give the facts, but stop when you're through." He gave his talk accordingly, and impressed upon the Freshmen that in coming to the Institute each had entered into three moral contracts. The first was with the Almighty to preserve his health; the second with his parents to keep faithfully at his work, and the third with the Alumni to graduate from the Institute great and good men.

Dr. Williams, another loyal alumnus, was unexpectedly present, and gave the men a few words of advice on the proper way to meet and conquer examinations.

HOMORES ELECT MANAGERS.

Discussion for Concerted Action Against Freshmen Saturday Evening.

At the first Sophomore class meeting of the year, held Saturday noon in Huntington Hall, managers for all the class teams were elected and plans for concerted action of the class for that evening discussed. Nearly 150 members were present, but enthusiasm seemed lacking, and the elections went through without much opposition.

William D. Everett, who acted as assistant manager of the Football Team last year, was unanimously elected this year's manager, while P. D. Terry, last year's guard, was elected to the assistant managerhip. C. C. Dudley was re-elected, after some opposition, as manager of the Tug-of-War Team. B. Reynolds was put in charge of 1910 track affairs.

It was thought best to arrange for baseball before the spring, and H. D. Billing was accordingly appointed baseball manager. By vote of the class the usual assessment of one dollar was laid on each member.

After a somewhat heated discussion, it was finally agreed that the Sophomore Class should take no official action as to an organized roughhouse after the Freshman dinner.

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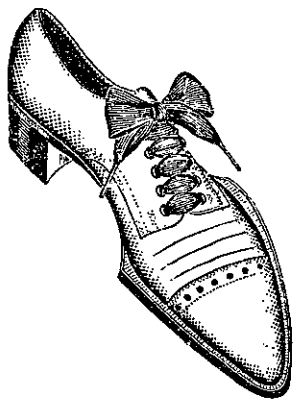
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'09 MAN MARRIES.

C. P. Shillaber, '09, Married Last Tuesday. Will Not Return to School.

C. P. Shillaber, '09, has married Marie C. Bartleson, of Boston, Tuesday morning and the couple left Tuesday evening for Seattle on an extended tour. Shillaber was captain of the Cadet Battalion last year and captain of the rifle team. He does not intend to return to school.

Charles Everett, '07, Course IV, and Fitch Haskell, Harvard '06, and graduate student, Course IV at the Institute last year, are in Paris preparing for the fall examinations at the Beaux Arts.

CALENDAR.

Monday, Oct. 7.

1.00 P. M. Freshman Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
 4.00 P. M. Glee Club Trials at the Union.
 4.00 P. M. Banjo Club Trials in 33 Rogers.
 4.15 P. M. Fencing Club Meeting at 22 St. Botolph St.

Tuesday, Oct. 8.

4.00 P. M. Mandolin Club Trials in 33 Rogers.

NOTICES.

Argumentation and Debate.—The class meets in 20 Eng. B. Bring Baker's "Principles of Argumentation," revised edition.

1911. Candidates for the relay team report to Coach Kanaly as soon as possible. Training must begin immediately.

1908.—There will be a meeting of the Senior Class next Thursday at 1 P. M. The business to be transacted is brief but important and every Senior is urged to be present.

GLEE CLUB.—The Glee Club Trials will be held at the Union today at 4 P. M. Tenors are needed. All old men will please attend.

BANJO CLUB.—The Banjo Club Trials will take place today at 4 P. M. in 33 Rogers.

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